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Connect and Grow

September 2022

There's Still Time to Participate!

TONIGHT is the big **Watch Party and Silent Auction** fundraising event!

The Ascent Youth Film Festival is happening tonight, **September 30th**... but there is still time to be a part of the fun. You can watch from home with a Virtual Ticket and bid online in our Silent Auction.

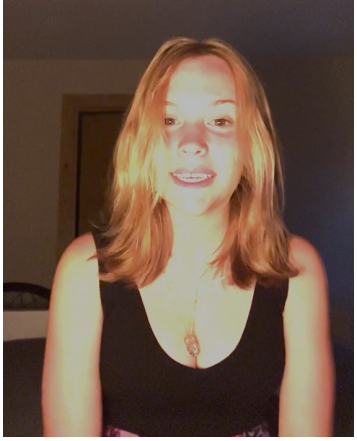
Buy Virtual Tickets

Bid in Silent Auction

Donate to YouthZone

Meet The 2022 Ascent Youth Filmmakers

Local students aged 12 - 18 were invited to create short films for the 2022 Ascent Youth Film Festival. Their inspirational and moving films will showcase their talents in video, animation, music, or photography and



premier at the Ascent **Watch Party TONIGHT, September 30, 2022**.

Ascent Youth Filmmakers:
Alea Blanchard
Nico Passerini Burks
Luca Passerini Burks
Levi Friday
Sigrid Kiehler
Christian Lujan
Ezequiel Palomares
Ruby James (RJ) Patrick

Your Watch Party Ticket, Virtual Ticket, and Silent Auction Purchases help provide services to over 2,000 youth and their families annually.

Ascent Youth Film Festival

Post Independent Column by Jami Hayes "YouthZone Understands the Value of a Living Wage"

Through a Q + A conversation, two YouthZone Board Members, David Portman and Paula Busk Cross, and Director, Jami Hayes, express their thoughtful consideration on YouthZone's wage increase, share how YouthZone truly makes a difference, and encourages you to become more active in your community.

"Our leadership, alongside our Board of Directors, continue to work diligently in efforts to fundraise, invest wisely, and grow our

endowment... We also prioritize investing in our current staff by increasing salaries and benefits to a livable wage and maintaining a competitive Roaring Fork Valley workplace."

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Anderson Ranch Visual Storytelling Art Apprenticeship Opportunity!

This creative student multi-week event is presented in partnership with YouthZone and Anderson Ranch Arts Center.

Students 8th grade through high school are welcomed to explore visual storytelling, memory, and photography. Participants will be awarded $200 for their artistic contributions!

Registration Deadline is TODAY, September 30, 2022.

Call or email to register and learn more: YouthZone at 970.945.9300 gwreception@youthzone.com

Learn More Online

Email YouthZone to Register

The Sopris Sun: "YouthZone Film Festival Takes Students to New Heights"

Kate Phillips features YouthZone on Sept. 21 in The Sopris Sun. It's a

must-read article about tonight's Ascent Youth Film Festival and YouthZone's mission to be a family-first nonprofit that fosters positive youth development from Aspen to Parachute.

"This is a project for the youth and the families in our communities, but it's also by the youth of our communities," said YouthZone Development Director Carol Wolff. "It is a fundraiser for YouthZone, which is here to support our families and that in turn creates stronger communities."

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Birthday Wishes!

Happy Birthday to Keith and Carol this month!

Their autumn birthdays are just one day apart from each other. We were thrilled to celebrate with a team lunch, cake, and perfectly pink hats. Thank you for bringing joy to our day with your birthday celebration.

Be the Change Your Community Needs

Thank you to our generous volunteers, donors, board members, and sponsors that dedicate themselves to local youth and families. Your support positively impacts the lives of youth and families in your community.

Please continue your support through donation or volunteerism and be a part of the

Continue Your Support

positive change our community youth need.

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